

Executive Order 2004 – 04  
Superceding executive order 2003-18

**ESTABLISHING A GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is a premier operational and training location for our military services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona has excellent weather, available airspace, access to world class training, research, development, test and evaluation ranges as well as communities that appreciate and respect our military services; and

**WHEREAS**, military operations, testing and training in Arizona are extremely cost effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the operation of military facilities in Arizona contributes more than 5.7 billion dollars to our economy annually; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the State and local communities to ensure that all of our military facilities continue to operate in a long-term capacity and in a manner that is effective for the military and compatible with local communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order the creation of the ***Governor’s Military Affairs Commission*** to monitor and make recommendations on executive, legislative and federal actions necessary to sustain and grow Arizona’s network of military installations, training and testing ranges and associated airspace. I further order as follows:

1. The Commission shall be comprised of fifteen (15) voting members and five ex-officio members. The fifteen commission voting members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:
  - a. Two co-chairs appointed by the Governor;
  - b. Two members recommended by the Legislature for appointment by the Governor, who shall serve four-year terms beginning on the date of appointment by the Governor;
  - c. Five Elected Officials, who shall serve terms limited to their elective term of office;
  - d. Five public members with expertise in military affairs, who shall serve four-year terms beginning on the date of appointment by the Governor;
  - e. One member at large, who shall serve a four-year term beginning on the date of appointment by the Governor.

2. In addition, Ex Officio members shall include the following:
  - a. Governor's Chief of Staff
  - b. A member of the State Legislative Military Base Advisory Group
  - c. A representative of Installation Commanders
  - d. The Arizona Adjutant General
  - e. A representative from a federal agency involved in land use issues.
3. The Commission shall be staffed as follows:
  - a. Governor's Policy Advisor for Military Affairs
  - b. A representative of the Arizona Attorney General's Office
  - c. A representative of the State Land Department
  - d. A representative of the Department of Real Estate
  - e. A representative of the Arizona Department of Commerce
  - f. Other agency representatives deemed appropriate by the Governor
4. If the occasion shall so arise, the Governor may designate a member of her staff to chair meetings.
5. Members or designees shall not send alternates to represent them at Commission meetings.
6. The Commission shall advise the Governor on matters affecting the operational viability of military facilities within Arizona.
  - a. The Commission shall actively support the implementation of the recommendations of the Governor's Military Facilities Taskforce.
  - b. The Commission shall regularly meet with the Governor to give advice on military issues and report progress on implementation.
  - c. The Commission shall serve as a resource for communications with the legislature, federal delegation, media and the community.
  - d. The Commission shall develop criteria, including accountability, for awarding community grants from the Military Installation Fund.
  - e. The Commission shall annually recommend a priority listing of grants with available resources.
  - f. The Commission shall establish a statewide network at the local level.

7. The Governor's Military Affairs Commission shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2024 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

**GOVERNOR**

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this \_\_\_\_ day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four and of the independence of the United State of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth

**ATTEST:**

**Secretary of State**